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FROM RSO TO SY AND ARA

1. THIS REPORT GIVES A SUMMARY OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE COME TO OUR ATTENTION DURING
THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 8-14, 1977.

2. APR. 8: AT APPROXIMATELY 2375 HRS A BOMB EXPLODED AT
FIGUEROA ALCORTA AND ESTRANDA AND AT APPROXIMATELY 2400 HRS
FEDERAL POLICE ALERTED ALL PERSONNEL THAT A NEW EXPLOSIVE
DEVICE WAS BEING USED BY TERRORIST ELEMENTS. THE CLARIN
NEWSPAPER REPORTED THAT ON APR. 8 IN MONTO GRANDE, BUENOS
AIRES PROVINCE, A CONFRONTATION TOOK PLACE BETWEEN SECURITY
FORCES AND TERRORISTS: FIVE TERRORISTS WERE KILLED.

APR. 11: AT 2246 HRS, POLICE REPORTED THAT PERSONS ON A
PASSING TRAIN OPENED FIRE ON THE FEDERAL POLICE PARKING LOT
AT DORREGO AND LIBERTADOR.

AT 2330 HRS. AIR FORCE SECURITY FORCES AT SARMIENTO AVENUE,
NEAR THE PLANETARIUM, WERE ENGAGED IN A CONFRONTATION WITH 4-5 MEN
IN A BLACK FORD FAIRLANE WHO DID NOT STOP AT A CHECKPOINT. NO
FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

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AT 2343 HRS THERE WAS AN EXPLOSION AT ARCOS AND MANZANARES.

LA RAZON REPORTED THAT MR. JOSE LUIS ARCE, EXECUTIVE OF
THE SURREY AIR CONDITIONING ENTERPRISES WAS KILLED BY A GROUP
OF PERSONS WHO INTERCEPTED HIS CAR AT REMEDIOS DE SAN MARTIN
AVE. IN VALENTIN ALSINA.

APR. 12: AT APPROXIMATELY 2320 HRS, THERE WAS A BRIEF SHOOTOUT BETWEEN POLICE PATROL CARS AND ANOTHER VEHICLE A FEW BLOCKS FROM THE SAN ISIDRO RR STATION. ON SAME DATE, LA RAZON REPORTED THERE HAD BEEN A TEMPORARY STOPPAGE OF THE BELGRANO RR LINE AS A RESULT OF A BRIDGE BEING SET AFIRE.

APR. 13: AT 2200 HRS A BOMB WAS DETONATED AT QUINTANA 1334 IN ACASSUSO. THERE WAS ONLY MATERIAL DAMAGE. AT 2000 HOURS, AT LUGONES AVE. AND GENERAL PAZ, SEVERAL UNIDENTIFIED MEN OPENED FIRE AT THE ESCUELA MECANICA DE LA ARMADA (NAVY SCHOOL). NAVAL SECURITY FORCES ARRESTED TWO PERSONS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INCIDENT.

APR. 14 AT 0100 HRS. A RR CAR AT THE LA LUCILA STATION WAS SET AFIRE.

LA RAZON REPORTED THAT A BOMB EXPLODED AT A CAR DEALER'S AGENCY LOCATED AT HIPOLITO AND IRIGOYEN 275 IN BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE.

APR. 14: AT 1005 HRS POLICE REPORTED THAT TWO ARMED MEN IN A FIAT KIDNAPPED A WOMAN FROM THE CORNER OF HUMEHUACA AND YATAY.

AT 1145 HRS FEDERAL POLICE WARNED ALL PATROLS THAT TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS MIGHT GO TO SCHOOLS AND FACTORIES TO GIVE OUT PAMPHLETS AND CONDUCT LECTURES.

AT 1155 HRS AT AREVALO 1405, FIVE ARMED MEN ENTERED A SCHOOL
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GIVING A POLITICAL LECTURE TO PERSONNEL AND STUDENTS, RAISED A MONTONERO FLAG AND LEFT AFTER DISTRIBUTING TOYS.

APR. 15: AT 0800 HRS, THREE ARMED MEN ATTEMPTED TO KIDNAP A STUDENT FROM INSIDE A SCHOOL BUILDING AT SIMBRON 2960. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS BEING SOUGHT ON THIS INCIDENT.

3. RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH FEDERAL POLICE AND MILITARY PERSONNEL IN CORDOBA, TUCUMAN AND ROSARIO AS WELL AS DISCUSSIONS WITH SECURITY SERVICES IN BUENOS AIRES REFLECT THAT THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS HAVE SUFFERED HEAVY LOSSES IN MANPOWER, LOGISTICS AND LEADERSHIP. NEVERTHELESS, THEY STILL HAVE THE CAPACITY TO CONDUCT BOMBINGS, ASSASSINATIONS AND SOME LEVEL OF POLITICAL AGITATION.
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